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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MUSCAT EAC - 05/21/2005

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Summary

1. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on May 21 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

2. (SBU) On May 21, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman. Members, including Duty Officer, cited no significant security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community.

EAC Conclusion

3. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on May 18 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. ABM, DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO, RMAS, PAO, CONS, MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
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